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In re Application of: MAEDA et al.
 Application No. 10/790,757
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 For: METAL ELECTRODE AND BONDING METHOD USING THE METAL ELECTRODE

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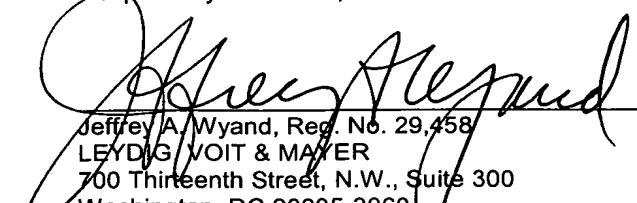
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 1 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed February 24, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.